

CHAPTER 2.5.5.
EQUINE INFLUENZA

Article 2.5.5.1.

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *infective period* for equine influenza shall be 14 days and the *incubation period* 5 days.

Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.

Article 2.5.5.2.

Equine influenza free country

1) Qualification

To qualify as free from equine influenza, a country must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) the disease is notifiable;
- b) vaccination against equine influenza is not authorised, except for equines intended for export;
- c) no clinical *case* of the disease has been reported for at least one year;
- d) a serological survey has been carried out on a representative sample of the equine population of the country (excluding imported vaccinated equines) sufficient to provide at least a 99% level of confidence of detecting the disease if it is present at a prevalence rate exceeding 5%.

2) Maintenance of free status

For a country to maintain its status as free from equine influenza:

- a) no clinical *case* of the disease has been reported since the achievement of the serological survey referred to in point 1)d) above;
- b) all imported equines comply with the provisions of Article 2.5.5.3.

Article 2.5.5.3.

Veterinary Administrations of equine influenza free *importing countries* should require:
for equines

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

- 1) come from an equine influenza free country; or
- 2) meet the following conditions:

- a) the animals were kept in isolation for 4 weeks prior to shipment and showed no clinical sign of equine influenza during this period;

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- b) no new animal has been introduced into the isolation facilities during this period;
 - c) no animal in the isolation facilities showed clinical signs of equine influenza during the isolation period;
 - d) the animals have been vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations in the *Terrestrial Manual* against both subtypes of equine influenza virus and have received a booster dose of vaccine not less than 2 weeks and not more than 8 weeks prior to shipment.
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